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Big Detour for SR 203 Drivers – Just One Week Away

Main Street to be closed for culvert replacement at Thayer Creek

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DUVALL, Wash. – Its summer in the northwest and that means road construction seemingly everywhere you turn. Not to be out-done, the City of Duvall has a project that will be making its own contribution to the commute. With permit restrictions limiting work to a small period of time during the dry summer months, the culvert replacement at Thayer Creek will require some patience from local drivers. Located at the intersection of SR 203 (Main Street) and NE 143rd Place, the task will require a full closure of a busy stretch of SR 203, between NE 143rd Place & NE 145th Street, with traffic detoured around the work zone for more than a week.

The work will begin at 8AM on Monday July 17th and is planned to wrap up with the road reopening no later than 4PM on Wednesday July 26th. Detours will be set-up and are intended to keep passenger vehicles coming through the City to visit local businesses. Truck and commercial traffic will follow a separate route – utilizing West Snoqualmie Valley Road rather than the narrow city side streets.

"It is of vital importance to our business community that the public knows Duvall is still open for business" says Mayor Will Ibershof. "Please, come and visit us just like any other day. You really will be able get to where you want to go."

The task ahead is a tall order with a staggering amount of work that must be accomplished by the City's contractor, Interwest Construction. With about 1,700 yards of material to move, water & sewer utilities to relocate, 28 culvert sections to set, and a road to re-build – there will be little



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time to pause during the 1,300 man-hours that are expected to be worked. Fortunately, the City and its contractor are just completing the first phase of the Thayer Creek work on schedule and will be able to bring that rhythm & experience right into the highway closure work.

The Thayer Creek culvert replacement is just one part of an \$8 million improvement project along Duvall's Main Street that began construction in September of 2016. Once completed; sidewalks, bike lanes and lighting will connect all of the businesses that have developed along the corridor through the years. Thayer Creek will have an important role in the new Main Street; with a restored channel, creek bank and pocket park; it promises to become a focal point and hub for visitors to sit and enjoy the scenery and beauty of the Snoqualmie valley.

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Regular updates regarding the progress of this project will be posted to the City of Duvall's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> pages as well as a <u>Thayer Creek page</u> on the City's website. All project related questions or inquiries can be directed to the City's Project Manager, Shaun Tozer either by phone at 425-788-3434 or email at <u>shaun.tozer@duvallwa.gov</u>.



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Artist's illustration of Thayer Creek upon completion of culvert replacement and restoration.



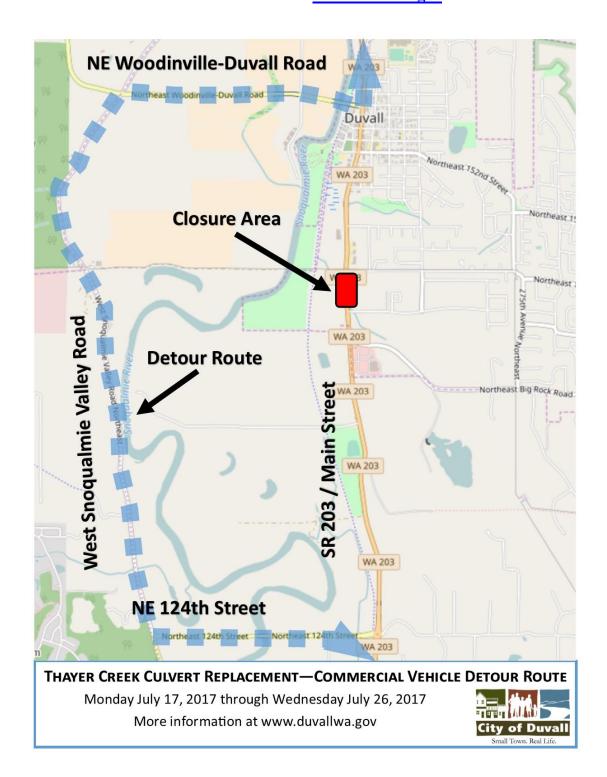
Crews Excavate Roadway on NE 143rd PI Preparing for Culvert



Crews Install Culvert Sections at Thayer Creek



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